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LAST DAY for Open Enrollment

Today is the VERY LAST day for the 2017 State Health Plan Open Enrollment period. Please see emails from Tina Varner for enrollment instructions. Below is the link to the State Health Plan website, <https://shp.nctreasurer.com/Pages/default.aspx>.

AHS Early College Academy Announcement

At the October meeting of the Asheboro City Board of Education, the Asheboro High School Early College Academy was officially unveiled. “We are excited about this innovative partnership with Randolph Community College,” said Dr. Worrell. The AHS Early College Academy will remove many of the barriers to educational access that hinder students from reaching their goals by providing them with an opportunity to complete an Associate’s Degree while still in high school. Unlike many Early College models, the AHS Early College Academy will allow students to participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, cultural arts, and service clubs. “Students participating in the AHS Early College Academy will not only be part of the Blue Comet community, they will also have access to all the amenities offered through Randolph Community College. Essentially, they will have the best of both worlds,” said Dr. Worrell.

AHS VIP for a VIP Program Recap

On Tuesday, October 25, Juniors and Seniors at Asheboro High School participated in Vehicle Injury Prevention for a Very Important Person (VIP for a VIP). The presentation is presented every two years and is a somber experience as local First Responders share personal stories of tragedy they’ve experienced and show students firsthand what can happen if they fail to take driving on the roads seriously. The VIP for a VIP group does presentations all around North and South Carolina.



DLL Family Fun Day!

The PTA at Donna Lee Loflin Elementary School hosted a Fall Family Fun Day! It was a wonderful day for many of the DLL families and staff.

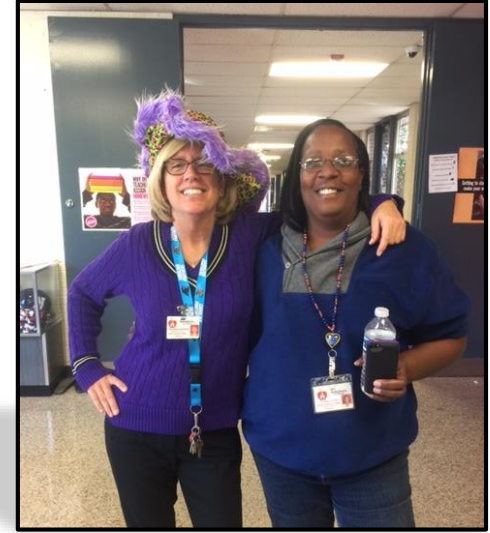
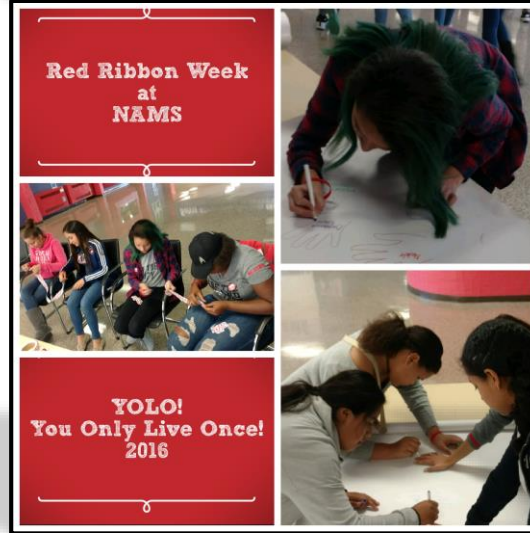
Red Ribbon Week and Hat Day at NAMS

NAMS hosted Red Ribbon Week, a pledge drive in which students pledge to remain free from drugs. Its been reported that 66% of students who talk with parents about alcohol and other substances remain drug-free. The purpose of the event at NAMS was to help spark conversations that will continue at home about alcohol and drugs.

NAMS also hosted Hat Day last week!

Student Spotlight: Alex P.

Alex P. is a former NAMS student who is currently a Junior at Asheboro High School. During his time at NAMS, he consistently exhibited strong leadership skills and qualities of among students at NAMS. The 8th grade team offers scholarships each year for the Washington, DC field trip. When Alex was in 8th grade, he was a unanimous selection to receive the scholarship to go on the Washington, DC field trip. Alex was brought in to Ms. Call's office one day during lunch to have a conference with her and Mr. Groseclose. Alex was notified that he had been selected to receive the Washington, DC scholarship and as expected, was very grateful. The only stipulation placed on scholarship, was that Alex pay it forward so another deserving person could experience the gratitude that he felt that day. Since that year, Alex has made an effort to keep in touch with his 8th grade teachers and has grown into a fantastic young man who is an incredible son, brother, and role model for his peers.



ACS Receives Bright Ideas Grants

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation extended Bright Ideas Grants to several Asheboro City Schools teachers! Congratulations to Mrs. Elizabeth Pack and others who received grant-funding!



AHS Blood Drive

Asheboro High School will host a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on Friday, November 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. To register, please log on to <http://www.redcrossblood.org>.



AHS Students Recognized at Randolph Sports Council Fall Banquet

At the Randolph Sports Council Fall Banquet, hosted Monday, October 24, two seniors from Asheboro High School were recognized for the athletic accomplishments. Way to go Ben C. and Allison K.!

NAMS 8th Grade Students Visit NC Zoo

NAMS 8th grade students visited the NC Zoo last week to take a tour of the AHS Zoo School. Students were able to hear firsthand from current students about their experience at the Zoo School. The visit helped generate students interest in the Zoo School. Special thanks to the Zoo School for hosting NAMS!

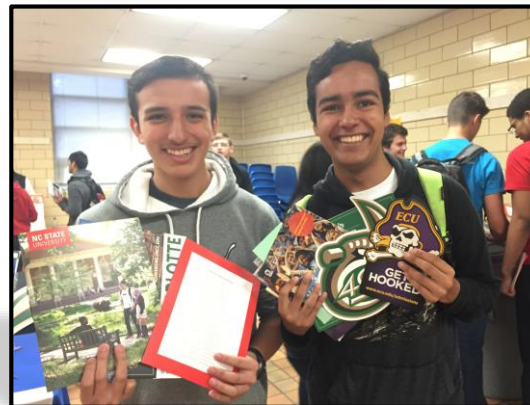


AHS Hosts College Fair

Asheboro High School hosted the annual College Fair on Wednesday, October 26. The event was sponsored by the Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO). Seniors and Juniors had the opportunity to speak with admissions counselors from over 50 community colleges, four-year colleges, and trade/technical schools.



AHS students truly demonstrated Blue Comet Pride! Several admissions counselors made positive comments about student engagement and their thoughtful questions and genuine interest in preparing for post-secondary education. Many of the visitors also said the AHS College Fair was the best one they had attended.



3rd Grade Science Days

All 3rd grade students in Asheboro City Schools attended a field trip to the NC Zoo during the week of October 10. This was facilitated by the AIG district team. Science and Nature Day is an opportunity for all 3rd grade students to explore hands on science and nature activities led by volunteers and teachers. Students were able to visit new parts of the NC Zoo during their visit. All activities correlate with the North Carolina Essential Science Standards to address plant identification and structure, states of matter, water quality and ecosystem. Special thanks to Bob Langston, the NC Zoo, Brooke Davis, Elizabeth Pack, and AHS Zoo School students for helping with the stations!



IT Problems? Check out these tutorials!

The ACS Information Technology department has created helpful tutorials for staff to use for a variety of IT problems. These tutorials are located in share folders. Please respond contact me (Leigh Anna Marbert) for access.

ACS Health YouTube Channel

The Asheboro City Schools Nurse Team is excited to present “ACSHealth,” a new YouTube Channel with Corey Comet videos for quick access. Check out the channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ACSHealth>

Dates for the Calendar

Monday, October 31 – Happy Halloween! Be safe and eat lots of candy!

Thursday, November 3 – The annual Transition Fair for families of students with disabilities will take place at Randolph Community College’s CEIC building from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. and from 4 – 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 3 – World Heritage Night at Lindley Park Elementary School

FREE Microsoft Office Products for Staff

All ACS district employees and students are eligible to get Microsoft Office 365 free for home or work use. Get started and sign up at <http://office.com/teachers> or <http://office.com/students>. Office 365 includes Word, PowerPoint, Excel, OneNote, OneDrive, Forms, Delve, Sway, and several other Microsoft tools and apps.

AAEOP Fall Fundraiser

Once again, the AAEOP Scholarship Fundraiser this fall will be sponsored by **RADA Cutlery**. Orders will be taken through **FRIDAY**. Please see any AAEOP member or your school secretary to place an order. All checks should be made payable to AAEOP. The AAEOP group thanks you for your support! **Please note: All proceeds go to support scholarships for students at Asheboro High School!**

Flu Shot Clinic Dates and Locations

Tuesday, November 1 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., employees can get their shots at the Central Office Board Room or in the lobby of the auditorium at North Asheboro Middle School.

SAMS 7th Graders Celebrate PBIS

SAMS 7th graders meeting their PBIS goals for the first nine weeks participated in a rewards celebration complete with pumpkin decorating, face-painting and a pie-eating contest.



AHS Athletic Calendar

Red Ribbon Week at Teachey!

Teachey Tigers celebrated Red Ribbon Week because future Blue Comets are too smart for bullies or drugs!



Thursday, November 03

7:00 PM Boys Junior Varsity Football Central Davidson High School Away

Friday, November 04

7:30 PM Boys Varsity Football Central Davidson High School *Senior Night* Home

Saturday, November 05

TBA Boys Varsity Soccer OPEN DATE *1st Rd State 3-A Playoffs* Away

TBA Coed Varsity Cross Country OPEN DATE *NCHSAA 3A State Championship* Away



ACS - One of Top 10 School Districts with Highest Graduation Rate

The Asheboro City Schools district was recognized by State Superintendent, Dr. June Atkinson, last Tuesday for achieving one of the highest graduation rates in 2016 across the state. "During the 2015-16 school year we saw our four-year cohort graduation rate reach an all-time high. This means we exceeded our three-year strategic goal of ensuring at least 90 percent of students graduated college and career-ready. We also believe the continued rise in our graduation rate reflects a deep commitment on the part of the Asheboro City Board of Education, our quality educators, phenomenal students and dedicated families," said ACS Superintendent Dr. Worrell. Congratulations to the Asheboro City Board of Education and ALL ACS staff members for this incredible accomplishment!